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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Rudolstadt

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REMARKS

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1. Between 31 January and 7 February 1952, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne on Emil Harmanstrasse, Rudolstadt (M 51/J 54), quartered troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few, black-bordered red epaulets. About 150 troops with rifles were seen drilling in the billeting area on 31 January, and 100 more troops practiced in the nearby training area. Most of them wore red-bordered black epaulets. A convoy of trucks

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assembled in the barracks yard. Each truck carried about 20 soldiers with rifles. About 100 troops with rifles were seen drilling in the barracks yard at platoon level on 6 February. A great deal of activity was noticed in the billets.

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2. No training activity and only a few soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the Flak Kaserne on Schaalaerstrasse. Gate guards there wore black-bordered red epaulets. No vehicular traffic was noticed. \*

3. The east wing of the former revenue office on Schwarzbürgerstrasse was occupied by about 150 troops with black-bordered red epaulets, and the west wing housed an agency of the Wismut Corporation. Outdoor training activity was not observed.

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- \* Comment. The present report from Rudolstadt, like another report from Saalfeld, is not specific enough to determine the disposition of the headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which were transferred to the Rudolstadt-Saalfeld area. The only principal weapons of these corps headquarters units which have been observed to date were four AA guns in Rudolstadt, which probably belong to the unidentified AAA regiment which had been previously stationed in Zeitz. Several other reports indicate that components of the unidentified AT artillery brigade from the Reuss Kaserne, Gera, are now stationed in Rudolstadt.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. The present location of the Hq XVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from the Reuss Kaserne, Gera, has not been determined to date. A probable site for the corps headquarters would be the finance office in Rudolstadt which is also called Alte Kaserne and which was vacated by the Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. However, the present report indicates that the revenue office has been occupied exclusively by the Wismut Corporation. A rail shipment of 20 sedans [ ] of the corps headquarters was indicative of the headquarters' location in Rudolstadt, whereas a radio installation newly observed in Saalfeld was indicative of its location in Saalfeld. [ ]

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